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First Named Inventor	Mahaney et al.
Group Art Unit	2182
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
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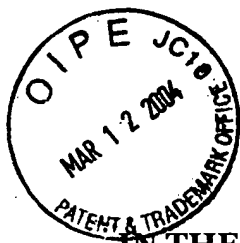
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Attorney Docket No. 14406US03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:

Ronald L. Mahany, et al.

Serial No. 10/657,595

Filed: September 8, 2003

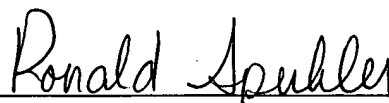
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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT AFTER APPLICATION FILING DATE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

- \* A completed PTO form 1449 (modified) which has one (1) page.

**FEE DETERMINATION**

- \* No fee is believed to be due because:

- \* The applicant(s) believe(s) that this statement and enclosures are being filed before the first Office action on the merits has been mailed by the PTO. The basis of this belief is that no Office action on the merits appears to have been received by the undersigned to date.

## **FEE PAYMENT**

The following arrangements have been made to pay the fees calculated above:

- \* No fee is believed to be due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which are presently required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

## **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION**

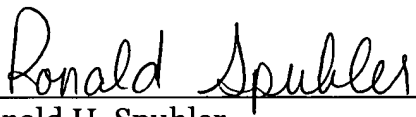
This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or §103. Applicant expressly retains the right to argue that any of the cited references are not indeed prior art or to take any actions necessary to remove any of the cited references from the available prior art.

The Examiner is requested to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicants to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 9, 2003

  
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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO.: 10/657,595	CASE NO.: 1772/14406US03
LIST OF PATENT AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE: 09/08/03	GROUP ART UNIT: 2182
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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,168,498				
	A2	5,828,695				

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO

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